

IDOC Facility Blood Drive Competition Nets Great Results

Indianapolis, Indiana (October 9, 2009) – Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facilities across Indiana competed over the past months to donate the most blood to the American Red Cross, and now, the results are in.

IDOC employees gave a total of 796 units of blood, which is almost 50 gallons. In the large facility category, Putnamville Correctional Facility employees donated the most with 91 units of blood. In the small facility category, Edinburgh Correctional Facility employees donated 23 units of blood, a ratio of 1 unit for every 2.43 staff members.



A correctional officer from Correctional Industrial Facility gives blood for the blood drive.

“Since each blood donation has the potential to help save up to three lives, nearly 1,245 lives could be impacted by the donations from the Indiana Department of Correction and the American Red Cross statewide blood drive partnership,” said Shelby Norris, spokeswoman for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. “The American Red Cross looks forward to continuing this successful partnership with the Indiana Department of Correction for many years to come.”

IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss recognized that many facilities held blood drives separately throughout the year, so he challenged them to work together, with a competitive spirit, to donate even more blood.

“IDOC employees consistently give back to their communities in a variety of ways, and this agency-wide blood drive competition was a great motivator and avenue through which we all can do even more,” said Commissioner Buss. “By taking a little time to donate blood, so many lives can be saved.”

The IDOC teamed up with Correctional Medical Services (CMS), ARAMARK, and the Geo Group, Inc. to host the blood drive competition.

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